

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

Southern

DISTRICT OF

California

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In the Matter of the Search of

(Name, address or brief description of person, property or premises to be searched)

Storage Etc.
2150 Hancock Street
San Diego, CA 92110
Building B, Unit B3102

CLERK U.S. DISTRICT COURT
APPLICATION AND AFFIDAVIT
FOR SEARCH WARRANT

BY:

DEPUTY

Case Number:

'07 MJ 2864

I, Heather A. Jackson

being duly sworn depose and say:

I am a(n) Special Agent, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Official Title

and have reason to believe

that ☐ on the person of or ☒ on the property or premises known as (name, description and/or location)

Storage Etc.; 2150 Hancock Street; San Diego, CA 92110; Building B, Unit B3102
[as more fully described in ATTACHMENT A]

in the Southern District of California

there is now concealed a certain person or property, namely (describe the person or property to be seized)

See ATTACHMENT B

which is (state one or more bases for search and seizure set forth under Rule 41(b) of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure)

1) evidence of a crime; 2) contraband, fruits of a crime, or other items illegally possessed; and 3) property designed for use,
intended for use, or used in committing a crime,

concerning a violation of Title 18 United States code, Section(s) 1038

The facts to support a finding of probable cause are as follows:

See attached affidavit

Continued on the attached sheet and made a part hereof:

☒ Yes☐ No

Signature of Affiant

Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence,

12/8/07

Date

at

SAN DIEGO, CALIF.

City

State

BARBARA L. MAJOR

U.S. MAGISTRATE JUDGE

Signature of Judge

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2 **AFFIDAVIT IN SUPPORT OF APPLICATION FOR SEARCH WARRANT**

3 I, Heather A. Jackson, being first duly sworn, declares and states that:

4 **INTRODUCTION**

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6 1. I am the Affiant herein, and I am a Special Agent with the Federal Bureau of
7 Investigation (FBI), assigned to a FBI Counter-Terrorism Squad of the San Diego Division, having
8 been employed by the FBI for approximately four (4) years. The following information was obtained
9 by the Affiant and other law enforcement personnel.

10 2. For the past two years the Affiant has worked on a terrorism squad focusing primarily
11 on domestic terrorism. The Affiant has received various training on domestic and international
12 terrorism groups. The Affiant has also been the case agent in multiple FBI domestic terrorism
13 investigations.

14 3. On December 8, 2007, at approximately 6:00 a.m., agents executed a court authorized
15 search warrant for the residence located at 4459 Manitou Way, San Diego, California (the residence
16 of Timothy Bryon Kalka). The application for the search warrant, the search warrant, and the affidavit
17 supporting the warrant, are attached and marked as Exhibit 1 to this Affidavit. Exhibit 1 is fully
18 incorporated by reference in this Affidavit. During the course of that search, it was determined that
19 Kalka currently owns a storage unit located at Storage Etc., 2150 Hancock Street, Building B, Unit
20 B3102, San Diego, CA 92110 (hereinafter referred to as "Target Location 2", more fully described
21 in Attachment A, which I hereby incorporate by reference). The purpose of this warrant is to request
22 permission to search Target Location 2.

23 4. I submit that the facts contained in the numbered paragraphs below demonstrate that
24 there is probable cause to believe that fruits, instrumentalities, and evidence of violations of Title 18,
25 U.S.C. 1038 (perpetration of hoaxes) will be found at Target Location 2.

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1 **BASIS FOR THE FACTS CONTAINED IN THIS AFFIDAVIT**

2 5. I make this affidavit, in part, based on personal knowledge derived from my
3 participation in this investigation and, in part, based upon information from the following sources:

4 a. oral and written reports about this investigation and others that I have received from
5 Detectives and Special Agents of the FBI, San Diego Police Department, Metro Arson Strike
6 Team (MAST), and UCSD Police Department.

7 b. physical surveillance conducted by federal agents or local law enforcement agents,
8 wherein observations have been reported to me either directly or indirectly;

9 c. witness interviews conducted by federal agents or local law enforcement agents,
10 wherein interviews were conducted by me or reported to me.

11 6. Since this affidavit is being submitted for the limited purpose of securing court
12 authorization for a search warrant to locate and seize fruits, instrumentalities, and evidence of
13 perpetration of hoaxes, I have not set forth each and every fact learned during the course of the
14 investigation. Nor have I summarized each and every factual circumstance deemed to be pertinent
15 to the case. Rather, I have set forth only those facts that I believe are necessary to establish
16 probable cause for the requested search warrant.

17 **FACTS AND CIRCUMSTANCES ESTABLISHING PROBABLE CAUSE**

18 A. **INVESTIGATION OVERVIEW**

19 7. On December 5, 2007, a hoax improvised explosive device (IED) was discovered at
20 the Leichtag Biomedical Research Building (LBRB) located on the University of California at San
21 Diego (UCSD) campus. Prior to the discovery of the device, four phone calls (including one voice
22 message) were placed warning of "drastic action" against medical buildings located at UCSD.
23 Additionally, a letter was received claiming that explosive devices had been placed in several
24 buildings including the "Leichstad [sic] Research Building." After the device was determined to be
25 a hoax device, the FBI released a copy of the voice message to the media. Numerous employees at
26 the LBRB recognized the voice as belonging to Timothy Bryon Kalka. Timothy Byron Kalka, is a

1 former lab technician who, until recently, worked in LBRB. He was terminated from that position
2 on November 30, 2007. On December 5, 2007, Kalka was observed in the LBRB at approximately
3 8:00 am and also seen walking away from the LBRB at approximately the same time the hoax
4 improvised explosive device was discovered.

5 **B. BACKGROUND ON TIMOTHY BRYON KALKA**

6 8. Timothy Bryon Kalka, date of birth September 25, 1957, was employed at UCSD
7 as a lab technician working in the Leichtag Biomedical Research Building. His employment was
8 terminated on November 30, 2007 because the University funding ran out for his research. Human
9 Resources at UCSD provided Kalka's last known address as 4459 Manitou Way, San Diego,
10 California.

11 9. According to the California Department of Motor Vehicles records, his current
12 driver license and vehicle registration address is 4459 Manitou Way, San Diego, California
13 92117. The 1990 Chevrolet Van bearing California license plate 6M89125 was registered to this
14 address in September 2007.

15 10. Additional vehicles registered to Kalka include: (1) 1990 Honda RS Motorcycle,
16 California license plate 15T4293; (2) 1983 Yamaha Motorcycle, California license plate 1Z1096;
17 (3) 1986 Honda Motorcycle, California license plate 15E7627; (4) 1986 Suzuki Motorcycle,
18 California license plate 12W1517; (5) 1987 Kawasaki Motorcycle, California license plate
19 13D4123.

20 11. On December 7, 2007, at approximately 3:30 p.m. FBI Special Agent Albert P.
21 Scott observed the 1990 Chevrolet Van, California license plate 6M89125, parked approximately
22 seventy-five (75) yards from 4459 Manitou Way, San Diego, California, on the adjacent street of
23 Bannock Avenue. At approximately, 3:40 p.m. SA Scott observed an individual fitting the
24 physical description of Kalka drive a motorcycle into the east garage at 4459 Manitou Way, San
25 Diego, California. This individual exited the garage and entered into the front door of 4459
26 Manitou Way, San Diego, California.

12. As described more fully in Attachment A, Target Location 1 also includes a garage associated with 4459 Manitou Way, a yard associated with 4459 Manitou Way, and any outside structures.

C. **PROBABLE CAUSE**

13. On December 4, 2007, John Van Zante, Public Relations Manager for the Helen Woodward Animal Center received an anonymous voice message from a male caller stating the following: "John, you need to know that the American Animal Liberation Front is going to be doing a very drastic action against UCSD animal torture facilities in the medical schools and research centers. That's happening today. They have been told they need to take all the animals to a central animal location and a sanctuary would be there to help them relocate those animals. If not, there's going to be extreme consequences. So, I'm giving you a heads-up. Hopefully you all will be there."

14. On December 5, 2007, between 8:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m., the UCSD police department received a letter sent through inter-campus mail and signed with the letters "A.L.F.". (This letter has since been sent to the FBI Laboratory for forensic analysis and processing). The first two lines of the typed letter read (in all capital letters), "WARNING! WE REPRESENT THE ANIMAL LIBERATION FRONT." The letter also threatened a "VERY DRASTIC ACTION ON UCSD MEDICAL SCHOOL AND RESEARCH FACILITIES." The letter claimed that the action had been planned for a long period of time and that they had the capability to execute the plan. The letter further threatened that a remote controlled explosive devices had been placed in six buildings at UCSD, to include the Leichtag Research Building. The letter continued on to say that if "THEY" did not see the evacuation of animals by 3:00 p.m, on 12/04/2007, "THEY WILL DETONATE REMOTELY ALL EXPLOSIVE DEVICES."

15. On December 5, 2007 at approximately 10:26 a.m., Shirley Reynolds, Lab Manager at the Leichtag Biomedical Research Building, called the UCSD police department to report the discovery of a suspicious device found in the Leichtag building. Initial analysis of the

1 device by FBI Special Agent (and bomb technician), James G. Verdi was conducted at
2 approximately 11:00 a.m. on December 5, 2007. SA Verdi observed what appeared to be an
3 antenna attached to the device. Based on the stated threat of remote detonations, the presence of
4 this antenna increased concern that this was a functional improvised explosive device.

5 16. As a result of the discovery of this device, the UCSD police department in
6 conjunction with the San Diego Police Department evacuated several buildings. At approximately
7 3:30 p.m. the Metro Arson Strike Team (MAST) further examined and x-rayed the device and
8 determined the device to be a hoax improvised explosive device.

9 17. The hoax explosive device is a 1.02 pound Coleman camping fuel cylinder
10 (presumed empty) with four 12 gauge shotgun shells taped to the outside of the cylinder with
11 yellow masking tape. Additionally, wires with audio plugs were also taped to the fuel cylinder
12 along with what appears to be a television antenna and cable. The hoax improvised explosive
13 device was place into FBI evidence on December 5, 2007. This device was subsequently sent to
14 the FBI Labratory for forensic analysis and testing.

15 18. On December 6, 2007, the San Diego FBI released to the media a copy of the
16 threat letter and voice message left for John Van Zante at the Helen Woodward Animal Center in
17 hopes of eliciting investigative leads.

18 19. Jessica Porras is the vivarium supervisor of the Marth Lab in the Leichtag
19 Vivarium located in the Leichtag Biomedical Research building. On December 7, 2007, Porras
20 arrived at work at approximately 8:00 AM. Upon arriving at work, a co-worker by the name of
21 Ryan Leaf pulled her aside and played a copy of the internet version of the voice mail message that
22 was found on the KFMB 8 website and asked Porras if she recognized the voice. Porras listened
23 to the recording and without any prior discussion regarding who the voice might belong to, she
24 identified the voice to that of her co-worker Timothy Kalka. Porras also recalls seeing Kalka on
25 December 5, 2007, at his work locker at approximately 8:00 A.M. Furthermore, at approximately
26 10:30 AM as the fire alarms were going off to evacuate the Leichtag building, Porras recalls seeing

1 Kalka walking away from the Leichtag Biomedical Research Building (LBRB) smiling and
2 laughing. Porras describes Kalka as a "very serious and grouchy person" and stated that this
3 behavior was out of character for him. Porras did not find out that Kalka had been terminated from
4 his employment at UCSD until December 7, 2007. Investigators showed Porras a driver license
5 photograph of Timothy Bryon Kalka and confirmed that he is the person she identified as her co-
6 worker Timothy Kalka.

7 20. Freddie Vanta is a senior animal technician at UCSD. Vanta has been working at the
8 LBRB for past three years. On December 6, 2007, Vanta was watching the local Channel 8 news
9 broadcast on television when he heard the voice mail message. Immediately after hearing the voice
10 mail message on television, Vanta turned to his wife and remarked, "I know that voice, I work with
11 him." On December 7, 2007, Vanta discussed with his co-worker Stuart Kerns the voice mail tape
12 released by the media and both agreed that the voice sounded like a co-worker named Tim Kalka.

13 21. On December 7, 2007, investigators played for Vanta a voice mail recording
14 identical to the one that was released to the media. Vanta told investigators, "it sounds exactly like
15 him (Tim Kalka)." Vanta stated that he was 100% sure the voice on the recording was Kalka.
16 Vanta also recalled seeing Kalka at his locker at approximately 6:00 AM on December 6, 2007, the
17 day after the device was found. Vanta did not know Kalka's employment had been terminated.
18 Vanta describes Kalka as always being "grumpy" and complaining about management.

19 22. Stuart Kerns works in animal care at UCSD in the Leichtag Building. Kerns has
20 been working at the LBRB for two years. On December 7, 2007, Kerns was driving to work at
21 approximately 5:45 AM with a co-worker, Ryan Leaf. As they were driving into work they heard
22 the voice mail recording on KOGO radio. Kerns initially thought that the voice sounded familiar,
23 but after arriving at work, discussing it with Vanta, listening to the recording again, Kerns agreed
24 that the voice sounded like the voice of Tim Kalka. Kerns also recalls that last week in the
25 basement of LBRB he noticed that Kalka was killing all of his laboratory mice, as many as one
26 hundred mice total. Kerns felt that was very unusual because Kalka has been reluctant to kill his

1 mice when required in the past. Kerns also mentioned Kalka did not like working for Jamey
2 Marth, who is the head of Kalka's laboratory division.

3 23. Christine Mata is the human resources director for the Marth Lab located in the
4 LBRB. Mata has had several interactions with Kalka over the past couple of months to discuss his
5 pending termination. Also over this time period, she has engaged in several telephone
6 conversations with Kalka. On December 7, 2007, investigators played the voice mail recording to
7 Mata and she is confident that the voice is that of Tim Kalka.

8 **PROBABLE CAUSE TO SEARCH THE STORAGE UNIT**

9 24. On December 8, 2007, at approximately 6:00 a.m., agents executed a court
10 authorized search warrant for the residence located at 4459 Manitou Way, San Diego, California
11 (the residence of Timothy Bryon Kalka). The application for the search warrant, the search
12 warrant, and the affidavit supporting the warrant, are attached and marked as Exhibit 1 to this
13 Affidavit. During the course of that search, multiple Storage Unit "receipt of payment" forms were
14 discovered, the most recent of which was to pay for use of a unit for September, 2007. The
15 "receipt of payment" documents were each for a storage facility called, Storage Etc., which is
16 located at 2150 Hancock Street, Building B, Unit B3102, San Diego, CA 92110.

17 25. Also contained on these receipt documents was a phone number for the Storage Etc.
18 facility, 619-297-6495. Your affiant called this number at approximately 11:00 a.m. and spoke
19 with the manager of the facility, Brian Holmes, who confirmed that Timothy Bryon Kalka was the
20 current renter of storage unit B3102, located at the Storage Etc. facility. Holmes also confirmed
21 that Kalka has had at least one storage unit at the Storage Etc. facility since May 15, 2004.

22 26. Brian Holmes further indicated that he was able to determine when Kalka had last
23 accessed the storage unit. Users of the facility must enter a code into a computer key pad to gain
24 access to the building. Additionally, there is a computer sensor on each storage unit's door which
25 indicates when that particular door has been opened. Brian Holmes queried the computer system,
26 and determined that Kalka had most recently visited the storage facility, and opened his unit, on

1 November 10, 2007.

2 27. Based on my training and experience, I believe persons in control of storage units
3 use these storage facilities to insulate themselves and their residences from the discovery of
4 instrumentalities of their crimes in the event they are contacted by law enforcement.

5 **DIGITAL EVIDENCE**

6 28. Based upon information related to me on December 7, 2007, by Craig Porter of the
7 San Diego Digital Forensics Group (SDDFG), I know that digital evidence can be stored on a variety
8 of systems and magnetic, optical and mechanical storage devices including, but not limited to, hard
9 disk drives, floppy disks, CD-ROMs, DVD-ROMs, magnetic tapes, magneto optical cartridges,
10 personal digital assistants, pagers and memory chips.

11 29. Craig Porter has informed me that Computer Forensic Agents (CFA) of the San Diego
12 Digital Forensics Group has instructed me on the proper manner in which to safely transport any seized
13 digital media to a secure Evidence Storage Facility.

14 30. Any computers or computer systems, as defined in Attachment "B", found at Target
15 Location 2 will be seized, transported from the scene, imaged at the SDDFG, and examined. This
16 procedure is justified for two reasons. First, as set forth above, there is sufficient probable cause to
17 show the Court that the computers and computer systems contain contraband, constitute evidence of
18 the commission of a criminal offense, and/or were used as the means of committing a criminal offense.

19 31. Second, searching computers and computer systems is a highly technical process that
20 requires specific expertise, equipment and software. There are a multitude of different types of
21 computers manufactured today, many of which use proprietary hardware and software during the
22 creation of any user data. It is impracticable for the law enforcement community to have all the proper
23 adapters, cables, cords and other hardware devices necessary to consistently link law enforcement
24 forensic equipment with all known and unknown computer systems on an immediate basis while
25 searching "on-site." Much of this specialized equipment is available, but may need to be acquired in
26 order to conduct a proper forensic examination.

32. There are literally thousands of different software programs that can be commercially

1 purchased and installed on a user's computer system. As computer security has become an
2 ever-increasing priority to many consumers, much of today's commercially available software is
3 developed for, or provides, data security and encryption which makes it difficult to afford an accurate
4 representation of any digital evidence confronted with on-site. Moreover, it is not feasible for a
5 Computer Forensic Examiner to be familiar with every software program, past or present, now
6 commercially available. It may be necessary for a CFA to train with a particular type of software in
7 order to fully understand the capabilities of that software.

8 33. In order to safeguard the integrity of a computer forensic examination, it is imperative
9 that the CFA first make a complete image of the original digital evidence before conducting a forensic
10 examination. The CFA must ensure that any images made are forensically sound and that these
11 forensic images can be fully restored, if necessary. There are numerous pitfalls that can seriously
12 hamper the integrity of the imaging process while on-site. For example, to make a forensically sound
13 image of targeted original digital evidence, the CFA must ensure that there is an adequate
14 uninterruptible power supply. Digital evidence is extremely fragile and susceptible to power
15 interruptions or power surges. It is not always practical for a CFA to bring backup power supplies into
16 the field.

17 34. Additionally, it may be necessary for the CFA to have unrestricted access to the
18 original digital evidence during the course and scope of the forensic examination. There are numerous
19 operating systems now being used by consumers. Some of these operating systems include, but are
20 not limited to, DOS, Windows 3x, Windows 9x, Windows NT, Windows 2000, Macintosh, Linux,
21 Unix, Novell and PICK. These operating systems use different file structures, different partition
22 formatting and different file commands. Moreover, many of these operating systems are "hardware"
23 specific. This means that a restored image of original digital evidence may not be "bootable" or
24 "viewable" without the actual original hardware. This would prevent the CFA from viewing the
25 restored digital image in a manner consistent with the structure of the original digital evidence. This
26 problem is especially acute when dealing with operating systems like Linux, Unix, MAC and Novell.

1 35. These problems are accentuated by the fact that it is possible for a user to have two
2 or more different operating systems on the same piece of original digital evidence. This severely
3 hampers the CFA's ability to image this type of original digital evidence on-site due to certain software
4 limitations. This type of problem generally requires that the imaging process take place in a controlled
5 environment, such as the SDDFG. Once this procedure is completed, a CFA can then safely conduct
6 most types of requested examination using this newly created "image" file without fear of damaging,
7 destroying, adding or altering any files or operating system components of the original digital evidence.

8 36. It is also very difficult in today's computer environment to "search" for specific data
9 while on-site. To conduct any type of digital "search" without using a forensically created image
10 predisposes multiple forensic problems. It may literally take hours, if not days, to appropriately search
11 a medium to large size hard drive for any desired data. For example, a search for the word "kill"
12 during a homicide investigation could find thousands of positive hits, due to the fact that while a
13 subject may have in fact wanted to kill the victim. The term "kill", however, is also a valid computer
14 command related to the ending of an otherwise innocuous computer process.

15 37. Computers can be difficult to examine even if no serious effort is used to conceal or
16 protect its digital contents. A complete forensic search is not limited to examining files normally
17 displayed by the operating system. It also includes the expansion of compressed data and the recovery
18 of deleted file data. It involves the areas on a computer hard drive that the computer system recognizes
19 as being "in use" and those areas that the computer that the computer system deems "available for use."
20 This search may involve an examination of "slack" space, which is the information at the end of a
21 sector or cluster beyond the end of the "current" usage. Finally, the complete examination would
22 address "orphaned" data, portions of files left behind by earlier operating system activity. All of these
23 areas require operating specific tools and techniques to access the data.

24 38. It is also very easy for a computer user to conceal data or other types of digital
25 evidence through a number of methods, including the use of innocuous or misleading filenames and
26 extensions. For example, files with the extension ".jpg" are digital image files. A moderately

1 sophisticated computer user, however, can easily change the .jpg file extension to "txt" or "dll" in
2 order to conceal or mislead law enforcement into thinking the digital image is actually a text or system
3 file. While it may be possible for a CFA to notice this during a properly controlled forensic
4 examination, it is difficult for that same CFA to detect this concealment during an on-site examination.
5 For example, the Windows 9x Operating System, installed right out of the box, would itself contain
6 over 20,000 different system files. A devious user could then alter any improper files so as to make
7 them appear to be legitimate files.


8 39. The problems noted above are compounded by the fact that the volume of data stored
9 on a typical computer system is so large that it would be unrealistic to search for specific data while
10 conducting an on-site examination. For example, a single megabyte of storage space is the equivalent
11 of 500 double-spaced pages of text. A single gigabyte of storage space, or 1,000 megabytes, is the
12 equivalent of 500,000 double-spaced pages of text. Computer hard drives are now capable of storing
13 more than 60 gigabytes of data and are commonplace in new desktop computers.

14 40. Additional problems are created by the growing use of destructive programs or
15 "booby traps." These programs can destroy or alter data if certain forensic procedures are not
16 scrupulously followed. Since digital evidence is particularly vulnerable to inadvertent or intentional
17 modification or destruction, a controlled environment, such as the SDDFG, is essential to conducting
18 a complete and accurate examination of any digital evidence. This problem mandates that all
19 examinations need to take place using only a forensic image of the original digital evidence.

20 41. Finally, there is also a growing use of military-grade encryption by consumer and
21 commercial computer users. These encryption programs, which are low or no cost, are widely
22 available and allow users to encrypt specific data with just a few keystrokes. These encryption
23 problems are accentuated by other newer technologies, like steganography, which allows a user to
24 conceal information within other files. It is difficult to detect the use of this technology without a
25 proper forensic examination and the ability to look at the entire image of the subject digital evidence.

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1 42. For the reasons set forth above, I respectfully request that I be allowed to seize all
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3 computers and computer systems, as defined in Attachment "B," and transport them to the SDDFG
4 for a proper forensic examination including imaging and searching.
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8 Heather A. Jackson, Special Agent.
9 Federal Bureau of Investigation
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11 **SUBSCRIBED** and **SWORN** to before me,
12 this 8th day of December, 2007

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14 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE
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EXHIBIT 1

United States District Court

FOR THE

In the Matter of the Search of
(Name, address or brief description of the person or property to be searched))

4459 Manitou Way
San Diego, CA 92117

SEARCH WARRANT

CASE NUMBER:

TO: Special Agent Heather A. Jackson and any Authorized Officer of the United States

Affidavit(s) having been made before me by Heather A. Jackson who has reason to
Affiant

believe that ☐ on the person of or ☒ on the premises know as (name, description and/or location)
4459 Manitou Way, San Diego, CA 92117 [as more fully described in Attachment A]

in the Southern District of California there is now
concealed a certain person or property, namely (describe the person or property)
See Attachment B

I am satisfied that the affidavit(s) and any record testimony establish probable cause to believe that the person or property so described is now concealed on the person or premises above-described and establish grounds for the issuance of this warrant.

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to search on or before 12/16/07
Date

(not to exceed 10 days) the person or place named above for the person or property specified, serving this warrant and making the search (in the daytime--6:00 A.M. to 10:00 P.M.) ~~(at any time in the day or night as I find reasonable cause has been established)~~ and if the person or property be found there to seize same, leaving a copy of this warrant and receipt for the person or property taken, and prepare a written inventory of the person or property seized and promptly return this warrant to BARBARA L. MAJOR
as required by law. U.S. MAGISTRATE JUDGE

12/7/07 at 10:19pm
Date and Time Issued

SAN DIEGO, CALIF.
City and State

BARBARA L. MAJOR
Name and Title of Issuing Officer
U.S. MAGISTRATE JUDGE

Barbara L. Major
Signature of Judicial Officer

AO 93 (Rev. 2/90) Search Warrant

RETURN

DATE WARRANT RECEIVED

DATE AND TIME WARRANT EXECUTED

COPY OF WARRANT AND RECEIPT FOR ITEMS LEFT WITH

INVENTORY MADE IN THE PRESENCE OF

INVENTORY OF PERSON OR PROPERTY TAKEN PURSUANT TO THE WARRANT

CERTIFICATION

I swear that this inventory is true and detailed account of the person or property taken by me on the warrant.

Subscribed, sworn to, and returned before me this date.

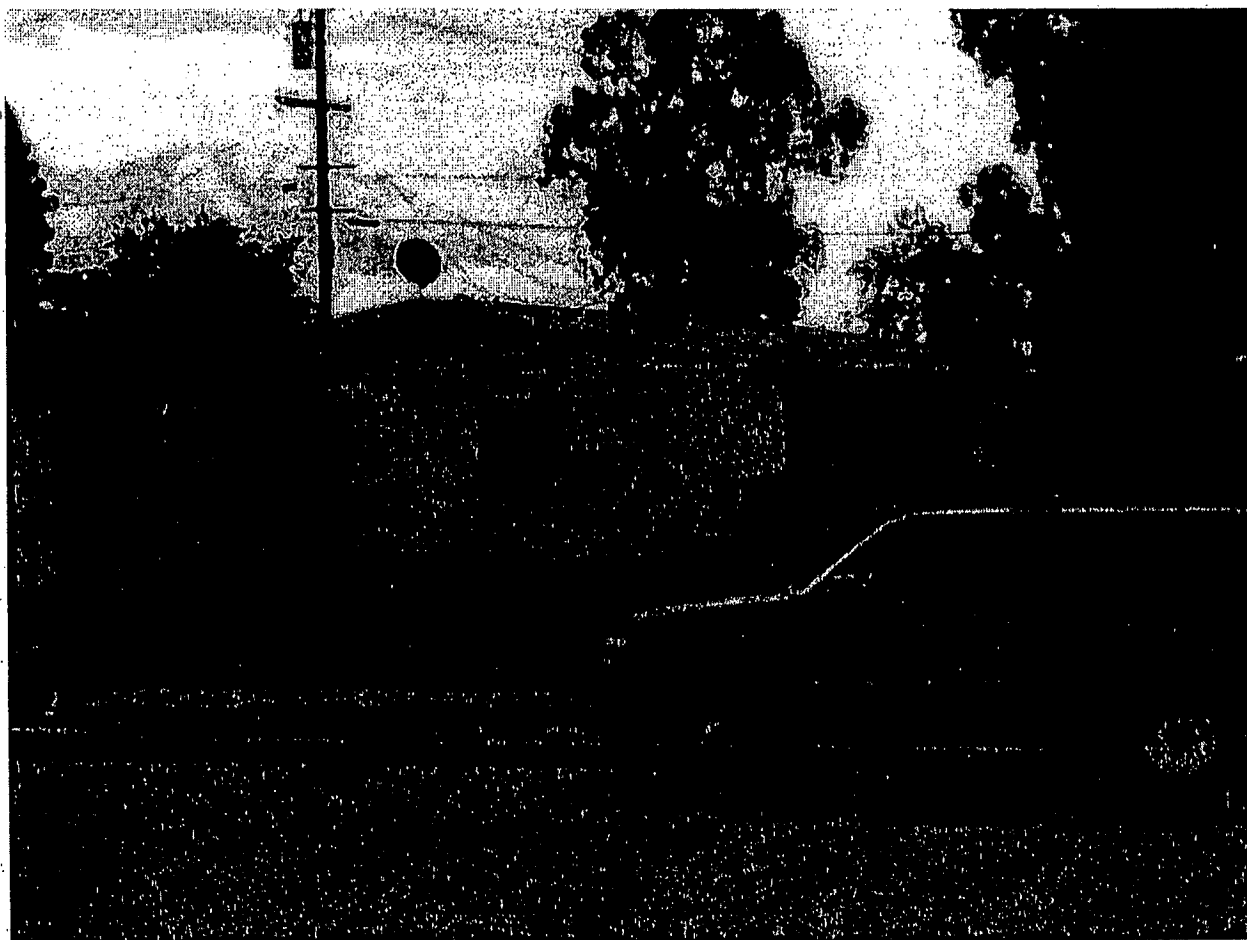
U.S. Judge, or Magistrate_____
Date

ATTACHMENT A

Based on the information set forth below, the Affiant believes there is probable cause that certain items, described below in Attachment B, will be found at the following described premises:

The premises includes the interior and exterior of the below described residence, garage, yard, and any exterior structures should they exist.

A residence located at 4459 Manitou Way, San Diego, California, 92117. This residence is more fully described as an off-white, one story duplex. The duplex encompasses two residences, 4457 Manitou Way and 4459 Manitou Way. The entrance to 4459 Manitou Way is a westward facing door located at the south end of the building. The door is white in color with an attached black metal security door. The numbers "4459" are displayed on the brown pillar in front of the door. There is a garage with two brown garage doors attached to the east side of the building. The residence includes a yard in the rear of the property.



ATTACHMENT "B"
DESCRIPTION OF ITEMS TO BE SEIZED

The following items are subject to seizure pursuant to this search warrant:

1. Any and all footwear, including but not limited to shoes, sandals, boots, etc...
2. Items potentially used to construct a hoax bomb including but not limited to the following: masking or other types of tape; wiring such as audio wires with male jacks; propane containers and/or accessories; devices that use propane; any antenna type rod; shotgun shells and/or box; and Coleman camping fuel cylinder (1.02 pounds);
3. Tools used to construct hoax bomb including but not limited to wire cutters, scissors, razor blades and/or knives;
4. Items such as books, magazines, articles, letters, communications, videos, media, emails, internet research relating to improvised explosive devices (IED), hoax IEDs, bombs, incendiary devices, destructive devices; or any similar device;
5. Firearms or other weapon including 12 gauge shotgun;
6. Books, magazines, articles, letters, communications, videos, media, documents and items related to Animal Liberation Front (ALF) or animal rights extremism/activism;
7. Items used to create threat letter including but not limited to computers, typewriters, magazines, envelopes, printers, unused bond paper; computer manuals
8. Digital media devices including, but not limited to, hard disk drives, floppy disks, CDs, DVDs, magnetic tapes, magneto optical cartridges, personal digital assistants, cellular phones, pagers and memory chips. It can be created and stored utilizing a variety of different operating systems, applications, utilities, compilers, interpreters and communication programs. Camaras, film, digital camera and memory cards and thumb drives.
8. Items containing DNA such as hair brush/comb; hairs; or a toothbrush;
9. Documents exhibiting dominion and control such as utility bills, phone bills, or a lease;
10. Documents relating to the purchase of any IED components including receipts, and credit card bills; and,
11. Phone calls occurring during the course of the search, cell phones and charging equipment.

In searching for data capable of being read, stored or interpreted by computer equipment or storage devices, law enforcement personnel executing this search warrant will employ the following procedures:

- a. ~~Law enforcement personnel trained in searching and seizing computer data (the "computer personnel") will make an initial review of any computer equipment and storage devices to determine whether these items can be searched on-site in a reasonable amount of time and without jeopardizing~~

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the ability to preserve the data.

- b. ~~If the computer equipment and storage devices cannot be searched on-site in a reasonable amount of time, then the computer personnel will determine whether it is practical to copy the data during the execution of the search in a reasonable amount of time without jeopardizing the ability to preserve the data.~~
- c. ~~If the computer personnel determine it is not practical to perform an on-site search or make an on-site copy of the data within a reasonable amount of time, then the computer equipment and storage devices will be seized and transported to an appropriate law enforcement laboratory for review. The computer equipment and storage devices will be reviewed by appropriately trained personnel in order to extract and seize any data that falls within the list of items to be seized set forth herein.~~
- d. In searching the data, the computer personnel may examine all of the data control in the computer equipment and storage devices to view their precise contents and determine whether the data falls within the items to be seized as set forth herein. In addition, the computer personnel may search for and attempt to recover "deleted", "hidden" or encrypted data to determine whether the data falls within the list of items to be seized as set forth herein.
- e. If the computer personnel determine that the computer equipment and storage devices are no longer necessary to retrieve and preserve data, and the items are not subject to seizure, the government will return these items within a reasonable period of time not to exceed 30 days from the date of seizure.

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**** For purposes of this Search Warrant, "Records" shall include all items in whatever form and by whatever means they may have been created or stored, including any electrical, electronic, or magnetic form (such as floppy disks, hard disks, CDs, DVDs, optical disks, backup tapes, email accounts, and personal digital assistants); any handmade form (such as writing and drawing); any mechanical form (such as printing or typing); and any photographic form (such as microfilm and photocopies).**

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

Southern

DISTRICT OF

California

In the Matter of the Search of

(Name, address or brief description of person, property or premises to be searched)

4459 Manitou Way
San Diego, CA 92117

APPLICATION AND AFFIDAVIT FOR SEARCH WARRANT

Case Number:

I, Heather A. Jackson being duly sworn depose and say:

I am a(n) Special Agent, Federal Bureau of Investigation and have reason to believe
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that ☐ on the person of or ☒ on the property or premises known as (name, description and/or location)
4459 Manitou Way, San Diego, CA 92117

in the Southern District of California

there is now concealed a certain person or property, namely (describe the person or property to be seized)

See Attachment B

which is (state one or more bases for search and seizure set forth under Rule 41(b) of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure)

1) Evidence of a crime; 2) contraband, fruits of a crime, or other items illegally possessed; and 3) property designed for use, or used in committing a crime.

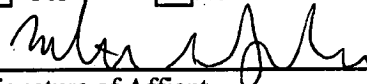
concerning a violation of Title 18 United States code, Section(s) 1038

The facts to support a finding of probable cause are as follows:

See attached affidavit-

Continued on the attached sheet and made a part hereof:

☒ Yes ☐ No


Signature of Affiant

Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence,

12/7/07
Date

at

SAN DIEGO, CALIF
City State


Name of Judge Title of Judge

BARBARA L. MAJOR
Signature of U.S. MAGISTRATE JUDGE

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2 **AFFIDAVIT IN SUPPORT OF APPLICATIONS FOR SEARCH WARRANT AND**
3 **ARREST WARRANT**

4 I, Heather A. Jackson , being first duly sworn, declares and states that:

5 **INTRODUCTION**

6 1. I am the Affiant herein, and I am a Special Agent with the Federal Bureau of
7 Investigation (FBI), assigned to a FBI Counter-Terrorism Squad of the San Diego Division, having
8 been employed by the FBI for approximately four (4) years. The following information was obtained
9 by the Affiant and other law enforcement personnel.

10 2. For the past two years the Affiant has worked on a terrorism squad focusing primarily
11 on domestic terrorism. The Affiant has received various training on domestic and international
12 terrorism groups. The Affiant has also been the case agent in multiple FBI domestic terrorism
13 investigations. I submit that the facts contained in the numbered paragraphs below demonstrate that
14 there is probable cause to believe that fruits, instrumentalities, and evidence of violations of Title 18,
15 U.S.C. 1038 (perpetration of hoaxes) will be found at the residence located at 4459 Manitou Way,
16 San Diego, California (the residence of Timothy Byron Kalka, hereinafter referred to as "Target
17 Location 1"). Target location 1 is further described in Attachment A, which I hereby incorporate by
18 reference.

19 **BASIS FOR THE FACTS CONTAINED IN THIS AFFIDAVIT**

20 3. I make this affidavit, in part, based on personal knowledge derived from my
21 participation in this investigation and, in part, based upon information from the following sources:

22 a. oral and written reports about this investigation and others that I have received from
23 Detectives and Special Agents of the FBI, San Diego Police Department, Metro Arson Strike
24 Team (MAST), and UCSD Police Department.

25 b. physical surveillance conducted by federal agents or local law enforcement agents,
26 wherein observations have been reported to me either directly or indirectly;

c. witness interviews conducted by federal agents or local law enforcement agents,
wherein interviews were conducted by me or reported to me.

1 4. Since this affidavit is being submitted for the limited purpose of securing court
2 authorization for a search warrant to locate and seize fruits, instrumentalities, and evidence of
3 perpetration of hoaxes, I have not set forth each and every fact learned during the course of the
4 investigation. Nor have I summarized each and every factual circumstance deemed to be pertinent
5 to the case. Rather, I have set forth only those facts that I believe are necessary to establish
6 probable cause for the requested search warrant.

7 **FACTS AND CIRCUMSTANCES ESTABLISHING PROBABLE CAUSE**

8 **A. INVESTIGATION OVERVIEW**

9 5. On December 5, 2007, a hoax improvised explosive device (IED) was discovered at
10 the Leichtag Biomedical Research Building (LBRB) located on the University of California at San
11 Diego (UCSD) campus. Prior to the discovery of the device, four phone calls (including one voice
12 message) were placed warning of "drastic action" against medical buildings located at UCSD.
13 Additionally, a letter was received claiming that explosive devices had been placed in several
14 buildings including the "Leichstad [sic] Research Building." After the device was determined to be
15 a hoax device, the FBI released a copy of the voice message to the media. Numerous employees at
16 the LBRB recognized the voice as belonging to Timothy Byron Kalka. Timothy Byron Kalka, is a
17 former lab technician who, until recently, worked in LBRB. He was terminated from that position on
18 November 30, 2007. On December 5, 2007, Kalka was observed in the LBRB at approximately 8:00
19 am and also seen walking away from the LBRB at approximately the same time the hoax improvised
20 explosive device was discovered.

21 **B. BACKGROUND ON TIMOTHY BYRON KALKA**

22 6. Timothy Byron Kalka, date of birth September 25, 1957, was employed at UCSD
23 as a lab technician working in the Leichtag Biomedical Research Building. His employment was
24 terminated on November 30, 2007 because the University funding ran out for his research. Human
25 Resources at UCSD provided Kalka's last known address as 4459 Manitou Way, San Diego,
26 California.

7. According to the California Department of Motor Vehicles records, his current

1 driver license and vehicle registration address is 4459 Manitou Way, San Diego, California
2 92117. The 1990 Chevrolet Van bearing California license plate 6M89125 was registered to this
3 address in September 2007.

4 8. Additional vehicles registered to Kalka include: (1) 1990 Honda RS Motorcycle,
5 California license plate 15T4293; (2) 1983 Yamaha Motorcycle, California license plate 1Z1096;
6 (3) 1986 Honda Motorcycle, California license plate 15E7627; (4) 1986 Suzuki Motorcycle,
7 California license plate 12W1517; (5) 1987 Kawasaki Motorcycle, California license plate
8 13D4123.

9 9. On December 7, 2007, at approximately 3:30 p.m. FBI Special Agent Albert P.
10 Scott observed the 1990 Chevrolet Van, California license plate 6M89125, parked approximately
11 seventy-five (75) yards from 4459 Manitou Way, San Diego, California, on the adjacent street of
12 Bannock Avenue. At approximately, 3:40 p.m. SA Scott observed an individual fitting the
13 physical description of Kalka drive a motorcycle into the east garage at 4459 Manitou Way, San
14 Diego, California. This individual exited the garage and entered into the front door of 4459
15 Manitou Way, San Diego, California.

16 10. As described more fully in Attachment A, Target Location 1 also includes a
17 garage associated with 4459 Manitou Way, a yard associated with 4459 Manitou Way, and any
18 outside structures.

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20 **C. PROBABLE CAUSE**

21 11. On December 4, 2007, John Van Zante, Public Relations Manager for the Helen
22 Woodward Animal Center received an anonymous voice message from a male caller stating the
23 following: "John, you need to know that the American Animal Liberation Front is going to be
24 doing a very drastic action against UCSD animal torture facilities in the medical schools and
25 research centers. That's happening today. They have been told they need to take all the animals to
26 a central animal location and a sanctuary would be there to help them relocate those animals. If
not, there's going to be extreme consequences. So, I'm giving you a heads-up. Hopefully you all

1 will be there."

2 12. On December 5, 2007, between 8:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m., the UCSD police
3 department received a letter sent through inter-campus mail and signed with the letters "A.L.F".
4 The first two lines of the typed letter read (in all capital letters), "WARNING! WE REPRESENT
5 THE ANIMAL LIBERATION FRONT." The letter also threatened a "VERY DRASTIC ACTION
6 ON UCSD MEDICAL SCHOOL AND RESEARCH FACILITIES." The letter claimed that the
7 action had been planned for a long period of time and that they had the capability to execute the
8 plan. The letter further threatened that a remote controlled explosive devices had been placed in
9 six buildings at UCSD, to include the Leichtag Research Building. The letter continued on to say
10 that if "THEY" did not see the evacuation of animals by 3:00 p.m, on 12/04/2007, "THEY WILL
11 DETONATE REMOTELY ALL EXPLOSIVE DEVICES."

12 13. On December 5, 2007 at approximately 10:26 a.m., Shirley Reynolds, Lab
13 Manager at the Leichtag Biomedical Research Building, called the UCSD police department to
14 report the discovery of a suspicious device found in the Leichtag building. Initial analysis of the
15 device by FBI Special Agent (and bomb technician), James G. Verdi was conducted at
16 approximately 11:00 a.m. on December 5, 2007. SA Verdi observed what appeared to be an
17 antenna attached to the device. Based on the stated threat of remote detonations, the presence of
18 this antenna increased concern that this was a functional improvised explosive device.

19 14. As a result of the discovery of this device, the UCSD police department in
20 conjunction with the San Diego Police Department evacuated several buildings. At approximately
21 3:30 p.m. the Metro Arson Strike Team (MAST) further examined and x-rayed the device and
22 determined the device to be a hoax improvised explosive device.

23 15. The hoax explosive device is a 1.02 pound Coleman camping fuel cylinder
24 (presumed empty) with four 12 gauge shotgun shells taped to the outside of the cylinder with
25 yellow masking tape. Additionally, wires with audio plugs were also taped to the fuel cylinder
26 along with what appears to be a television antenna and cable. The hoax improvised explosive
device was place into FBI evidence on December 5, 2007. Additionally, the FBI
took ash collecting sticky mats that may contain
footprints into evidence. The FBI also collected the letter
and envelope that was sent to the UCSD police department.
The letter^{and mats} have been sent to the FBI Laboratory for forensic
analysis

1 16. On December 6, 2007, the San Diego FBI released to the media a copy of the
2 threat letter and voice message left for John Van Zante at the Helen Woodward Animal Center in
3 hopes of eliciting investigative leads.

4 17. Jessica Porras is the vivarium supervisor of the Marth Lab in the Leichtag
5 Vivarium located in the Leichtag Biomedical Research building. On December 7, 2007, Porras
6 arrived at work at approximately 8:00 AM. Upon arriving at work, a co-worker by the name of
7 Ryan Leaf pulled her aside and played a copy of the internet version of the voice mail message that
8 was found on the KFMB 8 website and asked Porras if she recognized the voice. Porras listened
9 to the recording and without any prior discussion regarding who the voice might belong to, she
10 identified the voice to that of her co-worker Timothy Kalka. Porras also recalls seeing Kalka on
11 December 5, 2007, at his work locker at approximately 8:00 A.M. Furthermore, at approximately
12 10:30 AM as the fire alarms were going off to evacuate the Leichtag building, Porras recalls seeing
13 Kalka walking away from the Leichtag Biomedical Research Building (LBRB) smiling and
14 laughing. Porras describes Kalka as a "very serious and grouchy person" and stated that this
15 behavior was out of character for him. Porras did not find out that Kalka had been terminated from
16 his employment at UCSD until December 7, 2007. Investigators showed Porras a driver license
17 photograph of Timothy Byron Kalka and confirmed that he is the person she identified as her co-
18 worker Timothy Kalka.

19 18. Freddie Vanta is a senior animal technician at UCSD. Vanta has been working at the
20 LBRB for past three years. On December 6, 2007, Vanta was watching the local Channel 8 news
21 broadcast on television when he heard the voice mail message. Immediately after hearing the voice
22 mail message on television, Vanta turned to his wife and remarked, "I know that voice, I work with
23 him." On December 7, 2007, Vanta discussed with his co-worker Stuart Kerns the voice mail tape
24 released by the media and both agreed that the voice sounded like a co-worker named Tim Kalka.

25 19. On December 7, 2007, investigators played for Vanta a voice mail recording
26 identical to the one that was released to the media. Vanta told investigators, "it sounds exactly like
him (Tim Kalka)." Vanta stated that he was 100% sure the voice on the recording was Kalka.

1 Vanta also recalled seeing Kalka at his locker at approximately 6:00 AM on December 6, 2007, the
2 day after the device was found. Vanta did not know Kalka's employment had been terminated.
3 Vanta describes Kalka as always being "grumpy" and complaining about management.

4 20. Stuart Kerns works in animal care at UCSD in the Leichtag Building. Kerns has
5 been working at the LBRB for two years. On December 7, 2007, Kerns was driving to work at
6 approximately 5:45 AM with a co-worker, Ryan Leaf. As they were driving into work they heard
7 the voice mail recording on KOGO radio. Kerns initially thought that the voice sounded familiar,
8 but after arriving at work, discussing it with Vanta, listening to the recording again, Kerns agreed
9 that the voice sounded like the voice of Tim Kalka. Kerns also recalls that last week in the
10 basement of LBRB he noticed that Kalka was killing all of his laboratory mice, as many as one
11 hundred mice total. Kerns felt that was very unusual because Kalka has been reluctant to kill his
12 mice when required in the past. Kerns also mentioned Kalka did not like working for Jamey
13 Marth, who is the head of Kalka's laboratory division.

14 21. Christine Mata is the human resources director for the Marth Lab located in the
15 LBRB. Mata has had several interactions with Kalka over the past couple of months to discuss his
16 pending termination. Also over this time period, she has engaged in several telephone
17 conversations with Kalka. On December 7, 2007, investigators played the voice mail recording to
18 Mata and she is confident that the voice is that of Tim Kalka.

19 **DIGITAL EVIDENCE**

20 22. Based upon information related to me on December 7, 2007, by Craig Porter of the
21 San Diego Digital Forensics Group (SDDFG), I know that digital evidence can be stored on a variety
22 of systems and magnetic, optical and mechanical storage devices including, but not limited to, hard
23 disk drives, floppy disks, CD-ROMs, DVD-ROMs, magnetic tapes, magneto optical cartridges,
24 personal digital assistants, pagers and memory chips.

25 23. Craig Porter has informed me that Computer Forensic Agents (CFA) of the San Diego
26 Digital Forensics Group has instructed me on the proper manner in which to safely transport any seized
digital media to a secure Evidence Storage Facility.

1 24. Any computers or computer systems, as defined in Attachment "B", found at 4459
2 Manitou Way, San Diego, California 92117 will be seized, transported from the scene, imaged at the
3 SDDFG, and examined. This procedure is justified for two reasons: First, as set forth above, there
4 is sufficient probable cause to show the Court that the computers and computer systems contain
5 contraband, constitute evidence of the commission of a criminal offense, and/or were used as the
6 means of committing a criminal offense.

7 25. Second, searching computers and computer systems is a highly technical process that
8 requires specific expertise, equipment and software. There are a multitude of different types of
9 computers manufactured today, many of which use proprietary hardware and software during the
10 creation of any user data. It is impracticable for the law enforcement community to have all the proper
11 adapters, cables, cords and other hardware devices necessary to consistently link law enforcement
12 forensic equipment with all known and unknown computer systems on an immediate basis while
13 searching "on-site." Much of this specialized equipment is available, but may need to be acquired in
14 order to conduct a proper forensic examination.

15 26. There are literally thousands of different software programs that can be commercially
16 purchased and installed on a user's computer system. As computer security has become an
17 ever-increasing priority to many consumers, much of today's commercially available software is
18 developed for, or provides, data security and encryption which makes it difficult to afford an accurate
19 representation of any digital evidence confronted with on-site. Moreover, it is not feasible for a
20 Computer Forensic Examiner to be familiar with every software program, past or present, now
21 commercially available. It may be necessary for a CFA to train with a particular type of software in
22 order to fully understand the capabilities of that software.

23 27. In order to safeguard the integrity of a computer forensic examination, it is imperative
24 that the CFA first make a complete image of the original digital evidence before conducting a forensic
25 examination. The CFA must ensure that any images made are forensically sound and that these
26 forensic images can be fully restored, if necessary. There are numerous pitfalls that can seriously
hamper the integrity of the imaging process while on-site. For example, to make a forensically sound

1 image of targeted original digital evidence, the CFA must ensure that there is an adequate
2 uninterruptible power supply. Digital evidence is extremely fragile and susceptible to power
3 interruptions or power surges. It is not always practical for a CFA to bring backup power supplies into
4 the field.

5 28. Additionally, it may be necessary for the CFA to have unrestricted access to the
6 original digital evidence during the course and scope of the forensic examination. There are numerous
7 operating systems now being used by consumers. Some of these operating systems include, but are
8 not limited to, DOS, Windows 3x, Windows 9x, Windows NT, Windows 2000, Macintosh, Linux,
9 Unix, Novell and PICK. These operating systems use different file structures, different partition
10 formatting and different file commands. Moreover, many of these operating systems are "hardware"
11 specific. This means that a restored image of original digital evidence may not be "bootable" or
12 "viewable" without the actual original hardware. This would prevent the CFA from viewing the
13 restored digital image in a manner consistent with the structure of the original digital evidence. This
14 problem is especially acute when dealing with operating systems like Linux, Unix, MAC and Novell.

15 29. These problems are accentuated by the fact that it is possible for a user to have two
16 or more different operating systems on the same piece of original digital evidence. This severely
17 hampers the CFA's ability to image this type of original digital evidence on-site due to certain software
18 limitations. This type of problem generally requires that the imaging process take place in a controlled
19 environment, such as the SDDFG. Once this procedure is completed, a CFA can then safely conduct
20 most types of requested examination using this newly created "image" file without fear of damaging,
21 destroying, adding or altering any files or operating system components of the original digital evidence.

22 30. It is also very difficult in today's computer environment to "search" for specific data
23 while on-site. To conduct any type of digital "search" without using a forensically created image
24 predisposes multiple forensic problems. It may literally take hours, if not days, to appropriately search
25 a medium to large size hard drive for any desired data. For example, a search for the word "kill"
26 during a homicide investigation could find thousands of positive hits, due to the fact that while a
subject may have in fact wanted to kill the victim. The term "kill", however, is also a valid computer

1 command related to the ending of an otherwise innocuous computer process.

2 31. Computers can be difficult to examine even if no serious effort is used to conceal or
3 protect its digital contents. A complete forensic search is not limited to examining files normally
4 displayed by the operating system. It also includes the expansion of compressed data and the recovery
5 of deleted file data. It involves the areas on a computer hard drive that the computer system recognizes
6 as being "in use" and those areas that the computer that the computer system deems "available for use."
7 This search may involve an examination of "slack" space, which is the information at the end of a
8 sector or cluster beyond the end of the "current" usage. Finally, the complete examination would
9 address "orphaned" data, portions of files left behind by earlier operating system activity. All of these
10 areas require operating specific tools and techniques to access the data.

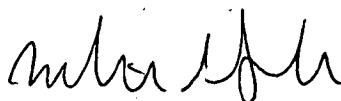
11 32. It is also very easy for a computer user to conceal data or other types of digital
12 evidence through a number of methods, including the use of innocuous or misleading filenames and
13 extensions. For example, files with the extension ".jpg" are digital image files. A moderately
14 sophisticated computer user, however, can easily change the .jpg file extension to ".txt" or ".dll" in order
15 to conceal or mislead law enforcement into thinking the digital image is actually a text or system file.
16 While it is may be possible for a CFA to notice this during a properly controlled forensic examination,
17 it is difficult for that same CFA to detect this concealment during an on-site examination. For
18 example, the Windows 9x Operating System, installed right out of the box, would itself contain over
19 20,000 different system files. A devious user could then alter any improper files so as to make them
20 appear to be legitimate files.

21 33. The problems noted above are compounded by the fact that the volume of data stored
22 on a typical computer system is so large that it would be unrealistic to search for specific data while
23 conducting an on-site examination. For example, a single megabyte of storage space is the equivalent
24 of 500 double-spaced pages of text. A single gigabyte of storage space, or 1,000 megabytes, is the
25 equivalent of 500,000 double-spaced pages of text. Computer hard drives are now capable of storing
26 more than 60 gigabytes of data and are commonplace in new desktop computers.

1 34. Additional problems are created by the growing use of destructive programs or
2 "booby traps." These programs can destroy or alter data if certain forensic procedures are not
3 scrupulously followed. Since digital evidence is particularly vulnerable to inadvertent or intentional
4 modification or destruction, a controlled environment, such as the SDDFG, is essential to conducting
5 a complete and accurate examination of any digital evidence. This problem mandates that all
6 examinations need to take place using only a forensic image of the original digital evidence.

7 35. Finally, there is also a growing use of military-grade encryption by consumer and
8 commercial computer users. These encryption programs, which are low or no cost, are widely
9 available and allow users to encrypt specific data with just a few keystrokes. These encryption
10 problems are accentuated by other newer technologies, like steganography, which allows a user to
11 conceal information within other files. It is difficult to detect the use of this technology without a
12 proper forensic examination and the ability to look at the entire image of the subject digital evidence.

13 36. For the reasons set forth above, I respectfully request that I be allowed to seize all
14 computers and computer systems, as defined in Attachment "B," and transport them to the SDDFG for
15 a proper forensic examination including imaging and searching.

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19 Heather A. Jackson, Special Agent
20 Federal Bureau of Investigation

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22 **SUBSCRIBED** and **SWORN** to before me,
23 this 7th day of December, 2007

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25 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE
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